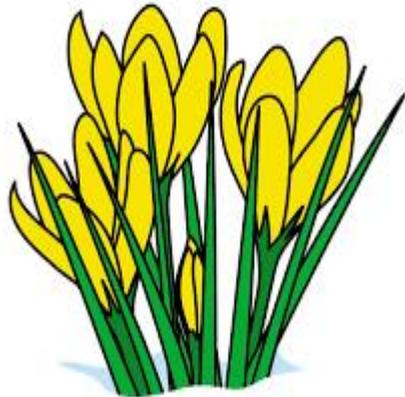


Life

February 2016

In

Netherlee



Kirk

Services



Sunday 7 th February	10.30 am	Morning Worship
Sunday 14 th February	10.30 am	Morning Worship
Sunday 21 st February	10.30 am	Morning Worship
Sunday 28 th February	10.30 am	Morning Worship – Guest Preacher Rev Dr Stephen Farris
Sunday 6 th March	10.30 am 3.00pm	Morning Worship – Communion Communion Service

All welcome at Open Door Every Wednesday morning at 10am

A short service of worship in the Lesser Sanctuary followed by
tea and coffee in the Large Hall

The BB minibus is available to convey anyone to and from the
church. Please contact John Montgomery on 0141 637 2416

Mearnskirk House Sunday Service 6th March

Nine of the local churches are involved in organising Services at Mearnskirk House 2p.m. - 2.30 p.m. Netherlee Church have been asked to take the service on Sunday 6 March. Transport will be provided.

We need 8 volunteers to join in the singing and chat to the residents. I would also appreciate help from a pianist or guitarist to accompany our songs. I have been trying to track down any sheet music/choruses that might have been used in Sunday School or Band of Hope.

Please contact me if you are able to help. June McDonald 633 1284

From the Minister



Dear friends,

The plans for alterations to our church halls are coming to fruition. Iain Alexander and John Docherty gave a presentation at our congregational meeting on 24th January of the proposals of the five year planning group, and these were warmly received.

The plans were clearly outlined and resulted in much lively discussion and constructive comment. The meeting then endorsed the proposals and the recommendation of the Kirk Session that we move on to the next stage of completing design details, obtaining estimates and the necessary permissions from Presbytery and the relevant Committees at 121 George Street in Edinburgh. We are very grateful to the members of the planning group for the thoroughly professional manner they have displayed in bringing the project to this point and we look forward to developments in the coming months. If all goes according to plan the work on the halls should be undertaken over the summer.

Negotiations are also under way and progressing towards our coming together with Stamperland Church as per the Presbytery Plan. Our Kirk Session met with their fellow elders from Stamperland Church on the 23rd January to hear the Rev Leslie Milton relate his experiences of forming a union of three churches in Cambuslang. He gave us valuable insights and identified possible pitfalls, which we will keep in mind as we finalise our joint vision for the future. Perhaps the most important piece of advice was to keep our focus on the high calling we have as a church to make known the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is so easy to get submerged in the detail of buildings and administration and to have our energies deflected from our high Calling.

The Kirk Sessions presently have a submission to Presbytery to ensure that we keep both church buildings for the foreseeable future. In the coming months both Kirk Sessions and congregations will be asked to vote on a document detailing the basis of Deferred Linkage leading to full Union. In

the meantime our next joint Kirk Session meeting with Stamperland on the 10th February will hear from David McCarthy from the Mission and Discipleship Council. David deals with Fresh Expressions of Church and we would hope to glean some ideas that we could work on to develop new ways of fulfilling our calling.

As you can see, there is much to think about and much to take on board as a congregation. As we navigate these turbulent waters I ask you to pray for our office bearers that, together with them, we may discern the good and perfect will of God and that we may all be faithful to our calling and remember that we are charged to “make known the manifold wisdom of God.” (Ephesians 3:10)

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Rev Tom Nelson

STANLEY MAIR MEMORIAL FUND

Rev Dr Stephen C Farris BD, DMin, ThM, PhD is professor of preaching at the Vancouver School of Theology and Dean of St Andrew’s Hall at the University of British Columbia. As a successful and recognised academic, he has written numerous books, academic papers and popular articles. He is also the author of a murder mystery short story!

Rev Dr Stephen Farris will be visiting The University of Glasgow between 25th - 28th February courtesy of our Stanley Mair Trust to deliver the Mair Lectures. These will consist of two lectures, a seminar and preaching at Netherlee on Sunday 28th February.

KIRK SESSION – Unitary Constitution, changes to the way we work

May I on behalf of the Kirk Session, somewhat belatedly wish all our readers a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year and with it the hope that 2016 will be a more peaceful year. A short report this month

It was good to hear that all our advent services were well supported. Our thanks to everyone who helped with all these services and in particular the office bearers on duty during December for all their extra work. The varied attendances re-affirms our belief that if Netherlee Church did not exist, the community would miss us and we would fail to meet a need that manifests itself particularly at the Christmas season. The editor's opening article in the December issue of Life & Work covers this very well.

Since my December article the Kirk Session met with Stamperland's Kirk Session on 23 November when we reached agreement on the content and wording of the joint vision for the future of our 2 churches. I have to say this was only reached after a fairly robust and lively discussion and debate.

I am also pleased to confirm that the new Unitary Deed of Constitution was executed by the Law Department of the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh on 17 December. We are now working on the make up of our committees under this new constitution.

On 19 January, the Kirk Session will meet and hear a presentation from the 5 year planning group on their proposals for our premises following the sale of Kirk House. On Sunday 24 January there will then be a meeting of the congregation after the morning service for them to hear the proposals and to ask questions and make comments.

On Saturday 23 January both Kirk Sessions will meet to hear from the Rev. Dr Leslie Milton on the lessons learned from the Union of 3 Churches in Cambuslang into 1. We will also hear from the Rev Mike Gargrave on his experience from the union of Mount Florida and Battlefield East Churches.

On Wednesday 10 February the Rev David McCarthy from the Church of

Scotland unit, “Fresh Expressions” will provide both Kirk Sessions with some insights from this unit into alternative forms of worship which we might be able to consider.

Apart from these extra meetings the next regular meeting of our Session will be held on Tuesday 2 February 2016 after which I should have more to report to you.

John Montgomery

Session Clerk

11 January 2016

Communications

Copies of The LINK are now being sent to Stamperland Church and copies of their magazine – FOCUS will be available on the window ledges in the Lesser Sanctuary. Any Organisation wishing to publicise a Netherlee event should contact the FOCUS editor Mr Fraser Neilson whose phone no and e-mail address are shown on the inside cover of the magazine. Likewise publicity by Stamperland in our LINK has been offered. JF

Carol Singing for Shelter Scotland

A big THANK YOU to everyone who braved the rain and supported our Carol Singing in aid of Shelter Scotland. The Donators, Singers, Collectors and Hot Chocolate Makers all helped raise £313.12 for Shelter Scotland. Bravo!

Elaine Murray





Netherlee Forum

The Forum has met twice since the last issue of Link. At our December meeting, we had the delight of hearing from one of our own members and elders, Dr Sheena Wurthmann. Sheena is involved in many of our church activities, but particularly in our Eco-congregation registration and award – in which she took the lead.

Sheena is an ecologist, and has served on a variety of Boards & Advisory Committees concerning the environment, including Scottish Natural Heritage; the Scottish Environment Protection Agency; the Scottish Wildlife Trust and she is currently Chair of Eco-Congregation Scotland which encourages churches and communities to address the issues of climate change and sustainability in practical ways. This year, Eco-Congregation Scotland organised a Baton Relay to alert congregations around Scotland to the Paris Climate Change Talks in December, and Sheena spoke to the Forum about the story of the Baton and the UN Climate Change Conference or COP 21, as the conference became known.

Eco-Congregation Scotland has a commitment to work on climate change and it was during conversations with Christian Aid Scotland and a meeting with Dr Aileen McLeod, MSP that the idea of a baton came about. The baton, made by Greyfriars Recycling from a former church pew, was passed from church to church across Scotland with a message for those taking part in the Paris climate change talks in December. The message read “Time for Climate Justice. Churches in Scotland demand a deal in Paris. December 2015”.

Churches as far afield as Shetland, Argyll, Fife and the Borders participated in the relay, and the baton even made it to the General Assembly 2015 and was carried to the summit of Ben Lomond by a former Moderator! Our own church in Netherlee was one of the last congregations to take part in the Baton Relay before it was taken by Sheena, along with the other members of the delegation from Scotland on the pilgrimage to Paris with the following prayer:

God of Creation,

We pray for your world in a time of climate change. We pray that leaders of nations reach agreement in Paris. May we in Scotland care for creation, now

*and for ever. And now we send on this baton with our love and prayers.
Amen*

Sheena told some moving stories of people she met on her travels and pilgrimages from many countries, including Hungary and Scandinavia. The distance covered by those walking and cycling in pilgrimages to the summit would have gone round the world five times. The number of signatures from faith groups taken to Paris numbered 1.8 million, and Sheena spoke of the significant impact that the World Council of Churches had on the negotiations.

One hundred and ninety five countries were represented at this summit and finally, after more than 20 annual meetings, the first legal binding climate deal has been reached. The summit agreed:

- Global temperatures to a maximum rise of 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels.
- to accelerate phase-out of fossil fuels,
- growth of renewable energy streams
- new carbon markets to enable countries to trade emissions
- to protect forests.

Sheena concluded with some comments from world leaders in the wake of the conference:

“This is a historic moment, not just for us but for our children, our grandchildren and future generations.” Lord Stern

“We’ve secured our planet for many, many generations to come – and there is nothing more important than that.” David Cameron

The deal “...shows what is possible when the world stands as one. ... This agreement represents the best chance we have to save the one planet that we’ve got.” *Barack Obama*

This was a most interesting and thought-provoking meeting.

On 18 January Flutura Shala, Head of Funding Development for the Scottish Refugee Council addressed the Forum. Flutura has been with the Scottish

Refugee Council since 1999 and has worked with various refugee organisations and projects providing information, advice and support to refugees at different stages of their asylum and integration process. She is currently Head of Funding Development and was formerly Head of Asylum Services.

The Scottish Refugee Council has been working in Glasgow for 30 years now, trying to ensure that all refugees in Scotland are treated fairly, with dignity and that their human rights are respected. They have around 40 members of staff working in Glasgow, where most of Scotland's refugee and asylum-seeking population live. They provide information and advice to refugees & asylum seekers in Scotland, but also raise awareness about issues that affect refugees and campaign for political change, where necessary. Flutura gave us some insight into the scale of the current refugee crisis and described the situation in Scotland today.

Nearly 59.5 million people worldwide are now forcibly displaced as a result of conflict and persecution. More than 15 million are refugees, of whom over 50% are children. The Syrian conflict has now entered its 5th year with more than 4 million refugees in Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt. By mid-November, over 800,000 refugees had reached Europe, primarily through Italy and Greece. Nearly 3,000 refugees are estimated to have died trying to reach Europe in the last year. The 1952 Geneva Convention relating to the status of refugees is the key legal document in defining who is a refugee, their rights and the legal obligation of states. This describes a refugee as someone who has fled their country "owing to well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion."

Flutura spoke of the situation in Scotland where there has been an outstanding response from the general public, with the slogan "Scotland welcomes refugees". An emergency summit took place and a Scottish Government Task Force was set up to engage with Local Authorities. Churches have played a key role with donations of money, books and clothing, providing practical support and helping with the Destitution Project, when asylum seekers are refused refugee status. We were directed to the Scotland Welcomes Refugees website for further ideas of

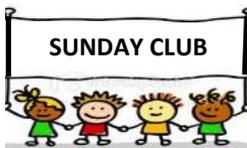
how church members can help.

The Refugee Council directly supports refugees from their arrival with a first response service and integration services. They continue their support by developing links with their communities promoting Arts festivals and speaker programmes. They also work in partnership with the Scottish Government Task force and the media for a meaningful integration of “New Scots” in Scottish Society.

More than 25,000 refugees have arrived in Scotland since 2000, over 10,000 of them children and young people. The Scottish Refugee Council strives for a Scotland in which all people seeking refugee protection are welcome, where women, children and men are protected, find safety and support, have their human rights and dignity respected and are able to achieve their full potential.

The next meeting of the Forum will be on Monday 15 February, when our speaker will be Dr Simon Cuthbert, Lecturer in Earth Science at the University of the West of Scotland and Fellow of the Geological Society. Simon will lead a debate on the subject of “Fracking”, another topical issue.

Catherine Nelson



December is always a busy month for the Sunday Club. While preparing for Advent the children drew pictures that could be used on the Church Christmas Card, December LINK and the Orders of Service. The pictures were all fantastic and those whose picture was chosen to be used were presented with a prize. Congratulations to Eva Wilson the overall winner. We also enjoyed decorating pot covers which brightened the delivery of hyacinths to many in our congregation. I am pleased to report there was less glitter in evidence than last Christmas!

At the Gift Service some of our former Sunday Clubbers presented a drama about the life saving gift of a simple net. The Sunday Club Advent offerings along with congregational donations amounted to £260 and was

sent as a gift to the Christian Aid Malaria Net appeal. This money will be matched by the UK government. We also enjoyed making 'mosquitoes' which decorated the sanctuary for the drama. We would also like to thank everyone who donated gifts at the gift service. These were gratefully received by Starter Packs Glasgow who distributed them in time for Christmas.

We all had great fun preparing and presenting our Nativity Service. Our presentation told the story from the eyes of two young children of today. While talking about Christmas, they come across a mysterious tunnel. They go through the tunnel to find themselves in Palestine at the time of the birth of Jesus. The children watch the story unfold and, at the end, join with the shepherds and wise men in worshipping the baby Jesus. Well done to everyone involved and we hope that the congregation enjoyed the service as much as we did. Many of the Children also attended the Christingle Service. We made our own Christingles this year and took the light of Jesus out into Christmas Eve.

Our 2016 session began by making a welcome banner for the Welcome Hall. We hope you like it. The Children also helped display the 'Try Praying' banner in advance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Activity booklets were handed out which we hope the children enjoyed. Our studies have now turned to Paul. The news of Jesus is good news and we are learning how Paul sets out to tell as many people as he can through good times and bad times.

As we look to our new session, we would like to invite you to our "Stir It Up" Lunch in aid of Tearfund. More info on Page 13.

All primary school age children are welcome to join us, whether this is regularly, occasionally or just as a visitor. Join us in the Welcome Hall from 10.15 and why not bring a friend? We have stories, crafts, songs, games, drama, challenges and sometimes treats too; so please encourage our young people to join the fun – a New Year's resolution perhaps?

Kind regards
Elaine

91ST Glasgow (Netherlee) Beaver Scouts



NEW YEAR, NEW CHALLENGES

Our Teamwork Challenge Badge is all about working together, joining hands, and we started this last term. We hosted a visit from Canine Partners, who demonstrated how trained dogs can be an invaluable assistant to folk who need an extra hand. Some Beavers thought they could use a dog to help **them** complete household tasks! Beavers also worked together to design and make huge posters depicting life and food in different countries, and they also got to taste some of their chosen countries' foods – Italian ice-cream proved particularly popular.



Once Christmas and New Year celebrations were behind us (Oh yes they were), Beaver Scouts returned with renewed energy. This term in contrast to the Teamwork Challenge we will be tackling the Personal Challenge Award, which is all about Beavers doing things that they find difficult but can complete with some effort and commitment



Of course, life at Beaver Scouts is not ALL about badges, and we will be celebrating our traditional Burns Night (sorry, Beavers, no drams on the menu) and Chinese New Year too. This year is the Year of the Monkey, so if you hear a lot of whooping and ape-like noises from the Scout Hall one Friday evening you'll know why!

For the scientifically minded Beavers we will also be doing something special to mark British Science Week in early March – but that's a bubble we wouldn't want to burst here and spoil the surprise!

FINALLY – A RARE OPPORTUNITY FOR A SPECIAL SOMEONE TO JOIN OUR BEAVER SCOUT LEADER TEAM – YOU COULD BE THE LUCKY ONE – J

After only 12 years, Anna is moving on to pastures new and Kathleen cannot run the section alone. If you are the special someone, or know of someone, then please get in touch – we meet at the Scout Hall, Ormonde Drive on

Friday evenings, 7-8pm, term time only, and anyone considering it is welcome to come along and do a "taste" test first. IT'S THE BEST FUN!!

Remember Beaver Scouts to always think of others and try to do something helpful for someone else every day.

Kathleen McLachlan & Anna Skuodas
91stglasgow.beavers@gmail.com
Beaver Scout Leaders

Save the Date



On Sunday 28th February, the Sunday Club are holding a 'Stir it Up Lunch' raising funds for Tear Fund whilst sharing food, faith and food for thought! Held after the morning service, there will be soup, bread as well as tea, coffee, homebaking and the famous Sunday Club Tombola. Look out for more details nearer the time in the Order of Service, Church Website and Church Facebook page. TearFund is a leading relief and development charity, working in partnership with Christian agencies and churches worldwide to tackle the causes and effects of poverty. www.tearfund.org

"Heart and Soul" - Sunday 22 May 2016

The Principal Clerk, Very Rev John P Chalmers has advised us that "Heart and Soul" will take place as part of General Assembly Week in May 2016.

As in previous years it will be held on Assembly Sunday - 22 May 2016. The venue will be Princes Street Gardens in central Edinburgh from 1.00 - 6.00 pm.

The theme will be "People of the Way"

Please note the date in your diaries now. More information will follow in due course.

3rd Netherlee Brownies



The New Year has started with the Brownies kicking off with some lively 'slosh' dancing. This was to get us moving and shake off all the chocolate we had eaten over Christmas. Then we were calendar making but with a difference, highlighting the dates where activities are on and they can be difficult to remember like 22 February – World Thinking Day, where Guiding and Scouting members can wear their uniforms to school and Church on the 21st, this reminds the community that they are part of a worldwide organisation. World Thinking Day is celebrated every year on the joint birthday dates of the founders, Lord Robert Baden-Powell and his wife Olave. The calendars were then laminated which seemed to cause as much excitement as the activity itself, Assistant Guide Leader, Vivienne Mair carried this out with gusto proving if we needed proof that you can take the teacher out of the classroom

Next up it was Rabbie Burns meets Dolly Parton, well our version of it, having flogged the Gay Gordons to death on St Andrew's night we thought we would celebrate our national bard with some Line Dancing. Local teacher Allison is wanting to move away from the cowboy hat and boots but keep the fun and exercise element of the activity. To this end she wanted to try out some new techniques and who better to try it on than thirty 'enthusiastic' Brownies. The Brownies did very well and the Young Leaders exceptionally well, in fact without them Allison would have been running round the four corners of the Scout Hall. For information on Allison's classes go to www.glasgowlinedancing.co.uk.



As the nights get lighter and we head into the spring we have a lot more outdoor activities this year than we have had before; so let's hope the rain holds off.

Mrs Jane Cowan

Brownie Guide Leader (3rd Netherlee)



The Changing Face of Worship

Thomas Baldwin looks at the patterns of worship evolving in the Church of Scotland today.

On the Streets and Overseas

Part two of our focus on the Guild's latest partner projects, looking at the Street Pastors and Mission International.

'Life with Jesus is Never Dull'

Kirsty Wyllie, a Christian writer, tells Jackie Macadam about her life in the church, her career and living with cerebral palsy.

Credit Unions and the Church

Charles Sim calls on churches and members to consider credit unions as an ethical form of finance.

Church Census Day

The Rev Dr Fiona Tweedie highlights the importance of Church Census Day in Scotland.

'Big Sing' Success in Dunfermline

Lynne McNeil reports from the Guild's praise event.

'Too Important Not to Share'

The Moderator, the Rt Rev Dr Angus Morrison, offers a clarion call to mission.

Jesus and Women

Youth Moderator, Hannah Mary Goodlad, argues that Jesus was a feminist.

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JAMES FINDLAY NELSON TRUST FUND

It seems hard to believe that in this month we have the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the James Findlay Nelson Trust Fund. To date the trustees have had the pleasure of awarding grants to 81 young people amounting to a staggering £23,737. This has been made possible only by the very many generous donations to the fund from members of Netherlee Church and from family members and friends over the years. We are particularly grateful that our son James is remembered in such a meaningful and kind way and we wish to thank all who have contributed. It has brought untold comfort to us and to all in our family. The Fund continues to receive regular donations often on the occasion of his birthday or some similar anniversary and we anticipate we will be able to continue awarding grants for some years to come.

The grants have been awarded to young people undertaking mission work at home or abroad or attending Christian training courses. These trips have varied in length from periods of two weeks up to five months, or, in one case of three years! All the recipients were very grateful for the financial support provided by the Trust Fund and many have shared their experiences with us first-hand, describing the impact these trips have made on their lives and on the lives of the children and families they worked with. I've included a letter from one of our recent recipients, Katie Dunn, to show how special James' Trust is to us and to those young people we have the joy of helping.

As ever, the Trustees would like to encourage other young people to consider some form of short term Christian mission or service and to apply for financial help from the Trust Fund. Requests for funding to attend Christian training courses, and in particular the Keswick Convention would also be welcomed. The Fund generally supports requests from teenagers or students not in full time employment who have associations with Netherlee or the Nelson family. We would be pleased if the congregation would make this known amongst our young people.

Many, many thanks,

Tom and Catherine Nelson

To Netherlee Parish,

I returned home from Glasgow on the 9th of August after having the adventure of a lifetime.

I spent my five weeks in Uganda working on a building project that aims to give more children in the area a secondary education. Getting my hands dirty and performing physical labour was one of the most rewarding acts I could have done over there. Brick laying, mixing cement and I even found a talent for hoeing the soil. Spending hours on the site with the locals was always enjoyable, especially as a young, white female would not be expected to lay concrete on the ground. I hope I managed to change some attitudes.

Uganda is a beautiful and surprisingly green country. Despite the trouble of its past the people are hungry for improvement. Initially the locals highlighted our differences, our skin, lifestyle and status – none of which we agreed with or appreciated. As the weeks went by they realised that we were the same, as our skin got browner and they got to know us better, they accepted that we were the same. I was even told by Julias our head builder that I had the strength of an African.

This project involved 12 young people from all around Britain to travel, live and work together for 5 weeks. My 11 teammates were the most inspiring, joyful and ambitious group of teenagers you will ever meet. There was never a dull moment from the second you woke up to when you lay your head at night. The bond that I have formed with them all is incredible and I know that they will be life-long friends.

Another major part of my trip was my 18th Birthday. Who can say they celebrated that day in Uganda? My day started when I was woken up with Happy Birthday outside my door followed up with 7.00 morning mass in Swahili where I acted as Eucharistic minister. Then, much to my surprise I received my first gift – a chicken. A real, live chicken was placed into my arms, a huge honour to the locals. The priest had organised a big party that night where we danced and sang with our friends we had made. A memory I shall never forget.

I am extremely grateful for the James Nelson Trust, which allowed me to embark on a life changing experience that has completely transformed my outlook on life and has made me a better person. I want the church to know that I would not be the individual I am now without your generosity and prayers. Netherlee church has supported me in so many ways over the years and I strongly believe that the summer club, YF and girl guiding has gave me the confidence and the skills to allow me to go on this trip and reach out to others. I have a lot to thank Netherlee Church for, so from the bottom of my heart Thank You.

Webale muno. (Thank You in the regional dialect) Lot of love Katie xxx

278 Glasgow Boys' Brigade Company Section



The boys had an exciting and successful end to 2015.

In early December we participated in the Glasgow Battalion badminton competition at the Emirates arena. Boys from our junior, intermediate and senior groups turned out to show their skills. Our Queen's men have given up their Sunday evenings leading up to the competition to provide some much needed coaching to our younger members which certainly paid off. Many of the 278 boys reached the latter stages of the competition which was a great achievement given the level of competition.



Congratulations to both Cameron and Alexander who took silver and bronze medals in the senior event. Cameron, having reached the final, was narrowly beaten by last year's winner.

We finished the session with our annual Christmas night out at Xscape. After an energetic and competitive game of ten pin bowling it was only fitting that we should sample the delights of China Buffet King upstairs. I must say if we were awarding medals to the one who could eat the most it would be difficult to pick a winner.

During first term we were delighted to welcome Alexander Frezzella who was visiting from Germany as part of the school exchange programme. Alexander quickly settled into the Company section, participated in various activities and made friends with the boys. Sadly we had to say Auf Wiedersehen to this delightful young man but hopefully he has returned home with some happy memories of his time as a 278 boy.

Just an update on the Christmas card collection and delivery service which raised £648 for the Company funds. Thanks to everyone who helped sort and deliver cards and to the congregation for their very generous donations.



2016 is upon us and as a Company we are looking forward to the Battalion table tennis competition, Cathkin district quiz night and the cross country championship. Fee McDonald has kindly offered to lead the Christian Faith classes this term and we are delighted to have her with us.

So a busy start to the year but we look forward with faith, hope and enthusiasm. Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2016.

David McGowan

Captain

CLARKSTON CHRISTIAN AID COMMITTEE

36th ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION & SALE

**FOR ONE YEAR ONLY IN THE
CARMICHAEL HALL
Eastwood Park**

**Saturday 12th March 2016
10 am – 4 pm**

Netherlee Primary School—Active Kids Vouchers

Once again, the pupils are saving Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers, this time for Cooking and Sport equipment. Please leave any vouchers you wish to donate in the yellow tub in the Lesser Sanctuary. Thank you.

Eco-Congregation



The Paris climate agreement

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change came to a landmark agreement. The agreement was signed by 195 nations. This is the first comprehensive global treaty to combat climate change. It will follow on from the Kyoto Protocol which ends in 2020. 55 countries have ratified the agreement and then it comes into force.

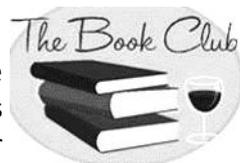
The key points of the Paris Agreement

1. Nations are committed to keep temperatures well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C. The Paris Agreement calls for global emissions to peak “as soon as possible”.
2. 185 countries submitted pledges ahead of Paris. They cover:
 - 94% of global emissions
 - 97% of global populationsThe remaining 11 countries have been asked to submit theirs before next year’s climate talks in Marrakesh
3. The targets are not yet enough to limit the warming below 2°C. The targets will be reviewed every five years. Countries will be expected to strengthen their pledge each time.
4. Developed countries are responsible for the majority of historical greenhouse gas emissions, while emissions in many developing nations are still growing.
 - a) The Agreement makes no formal distinction between developed and developing countries’ responsibility to cut emissions
 - b) But rich countries are required to “continue taking the lead by undertaking economy-wide absolute emission reduction targets”
 - c) And developing countries are “encouraged” to do this “over time”
5. Developing countries will need financial assistance to help reduce their emissions.
 - a) Developed countries will provide at least \$100 billion a year in climate finance from 2020.

The Agreement is legally binding. I hope this helps you to appreciate that the Paris Agreement is important but there is a lot of work to make it happen.

Sheena Wurthmann

Book Club



The Book Club had its first meeting of 2016 at the end of January. We reviewed Eimear O’Callaghan’s book “Belfast Days – A 1972 Teenage Diary”. Eimear found her 1972 diary 40 years later (2012). She used extracts from her own diary and supplemented them with her adult views and experience as a journalist in Northern Ireland.

There was some division of opinion of the book. Some felt that the diary was very self-centred and selfish but isn’t that typical of teenagers? Eimear in 1972 was in the first year of her “A” levels and trying to keep her schooling and studying going at the time of Bloody Sunday and Black Friday. She kept a scrapbook of the deaths and I found this record frightening and appalling. Some of the scenes she describes shows how close everything was to her life. One night her mother “fell” over a soldier (all blacked up) as she went from the back door to the bins. The bombs (and she could discriminate between nail bombs and Molotov cocktails) and shooting was the noise at night as she tried to sleep. Frequently the buses were not running and she had to walk to school and home again. We admired the efforts made by her parents to give the family a normal life. Visits to the maternal grandparents in Cooley and Dundalk – just over the border in Eire – gave them respite periods. The wider family wanted them to leave Belfast but that didn’t happen probably because her father had a secure job in the Post Office and her mother was working in a child care centre.

Eimear lives with her family in Portstewart on the Derry coast.

This book is worth reading for an insight into the Troubles and their impact.

Our next meeting is on 26th February at 8.00pm at 30 First Avenue. We will be reviewing “A tree grows in Brooklyn” by Betty Smith. The meeting following that will be on 1st April at 8.00 pm at 466 Clarkston Road. The book will be Anna Quindlen’s “Blessings”.

Sheena Wurthmann

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We have been using “Try praying” as a guide to our discussions in the New Year. We have found the small book very helpful and reassuring about our prayer life. Spare copies are being shared with friends and family.

Lent comes early this year so we will be starting our study early in February. Once again we will be using the current York course. The course (“Psalms – prayers for today’s church”) has five sessions:

Know that the Lord is God (Psalm 100)

Out of the depths have I cried (Psalm 130)

How long, O Lord? (Psalm 13)

You spread a table before me (Psalm 23)

Unless the Lord builds the house (Psalm 127)

You are welcome to join us for this study. We meet at 9.00 (before the morning service) in the Waiting Room with lots of tea and coffee.

Sheena Wurthmann

Our Offerings

Some facts and figures about 2015:

324 members of the Gift Aid Scheme gave £140,814

37 members of the WFO Scheme gave £11,508

253 members, along with visitors, gave £5,915

Tax recovery over the year amounted to £36,456. The above information has been extracted from the Accounts which have not yet been approved.

Dennis R Burt

Church Register



Deaths

8.12.15 Mr Syd Mitchell , 59 Hilltree Court, Giffnock 75 Eunice Smith
Oct 2015 Mrs May Douglas, 9 Netherview Road 53 Malcolm MacVey

Change of Address

4014 Mrs Beatrice Jessiman, 3F Hazelden Park 3 Joan McIntosh
to 26 Hilltree Court, 96 Fenwick Road, G46 6AA 75 Eunice Smith

6019 Mrs Nan Mitchell , 35 Strawhill Court, Clarkston 61 Carol Cleland
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4888 Mrs Jean Crawford, 22 Gartly Street/Merrylee Lodge 1 Pat McKenzie
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Thank You

I would like to thank Rev Tom Nelson for his uplifting visits during my recent stay in hospital. Thank you also for the flowers which were very much appreciated.

Raymond Maitland

Thank You

Following my recent illness I would take this opportunity to thank you all for your kind words of support, prayers, flowers, and many cards. I should also thank Tom Nelson for his hastily arranged visit at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital following my heart attack in September just prior to my transfer to the Jubilee.

Walter McNeil

FLOWER ROTA

Feb 7 Sheila Dunn
Feb 14 Irene Williams
Feb 21 FUND
Feb 28 FUND

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